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Contractor's License Board Suspends License for Failing to Honor Contract Agreements with Customers.

The Contractor's License Board (CLB) suspended the license of a Contractor for two (2) years for abandonment of multiple projects, Contractors License Board Executive Director Thomas Morrison, announced today.

Emir Corporation: License # CLB 06-0128

License Immediately Suspended and Reinstatement Disallowed for Two Years

Ms. Elsa Reyes owner of Emir Corporation had her company's license suspended on July 15, 2009 by the CLB for failing to prosecute multiple projects to completion with reasonable diligence and for abandoning the construction projects without reasonable or legal excuse. CLB Investigators also discovered that Emir Corporation failed to secure the proper building permits for her projects. The CLB and the designated Hearing Officer found that Ms. Elsa Reyes provided no testimony to justify, contradict, or legitimately explain her abandonment of the projects or her continued recalcitrance to finish the project per the terms of the contract or even to reimburse her customers for the amounts already paid for work not performed. The CLB found that Ms. Elsa Reyes entered into three (3) contracts totaling twenty-eight thousand eight hundred dollars (\$28,800) and managed to collect five thousand seven hundred eighty-four dollars (\$5,784) from 3 customers. Although the suspension is effective immediately and no more work can be legally undertaken, the CLB is still in the process of reviewing 6 additional complaints pursuant to the Administrative Adjudication Act.

As a result of the CLB's decision, Emir Corporation is immediately prohibited from practicing its trade and participating in any construction related projects on Guam. In addition, the Board has ordered that the maximum penalties be imposed for each of the 3 cases decided on July 15, 2009. These penalties, equal to 50% of the total contract value for the 3 cases, amount to a total of fourteen thousand four hundred dollars (\$14,400). Anyone who has recently entered into a contract with Emir Corporation is encouraged to immediately report the matter to the CLB.

The CLB also wants to remind the public when dealing with any contractor to do their due diligence, make sure that they are licensed in Guam and in Good Standing with the Contractors Licensing Board. The vast majority of contractors are reputable, but the CLB will continue to enforce the law with respect to those individuals or corporations that do not follow acceptable standards and practices in conformity with Public Law 30-11 and all applicable CLB Rules and Regulations.